with poetry recitations and chess. He really plays chess remarkably well, but I succeeded at last in a fool's mate against him, of which he was quite ashamed.

March 12, 1962 - Monday

This morning a group of American Girl Scouts called on me, it being the 50th anniversary of the founding of their organization. Two little girls presented me with a scroll, and a pot of tulips. They made endearing speeches.

The Ambassador of the Ivory Coast, Mr. Amadou Bocoum, called on me. 44 years old, he was educated at the National School of Oriental Languages in Paris, and speaks excellent French. After having held various administrative posts under French rule, he has recently been Secretary of State for Information. His Government has bought for him as a residence and office, a house on Belgrade Square. This should be a good start. I thought him intelligent and genial.

I lunched at the American Club.

The Peruvian Ambassador, Dr. Schreiber, came to say farewell this afternoon. I have become attached to him, as has everybody in the Diplomatic Corps. Altogether, he has spent 21 years in London, 11 of them as Ambassador.

Frank Wisner returned this afternoon from Washington, via Geneva, where he ~~had~~ accompanied Dean Rusk.

Tonight, Pam Berry dined with me. She has just instituted a libel suit, notice of which appeared in the Evening Standard tonight, for defamation of her father, who died in 1930. She really is a remarkable woman, full of fire, and with enormous vitality.

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March 13, 1962 - Tuesday

Telegrams from Geneva do not throw sufficient light on the maneuverings there. The Foreign Ministers have met, but Gromyko appears to remain rigid in his position. We are about to propose certain modifications in our previous